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1. German Patent Application No. 35 16 738 A
2. European Patent No. 0 111 781 B1
3. U.S. Patent No. 4,504,190 A
4. U.S. Patent No. 4,804,316 A
5. World Patent Application No. 98/41737 A
6. U.S. Patent No. 5,207,565 A
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9. U.S. Patent No. 4,702,672

Discussion of relevancy of references

Document 1

In the International Search Report Document 1 was cited as "X" category relevancy to claims 1-4. It was also cited as "A" category relevancy, mere technical background, to claim 8. Document 9 is an English language equivalent document or Patent Family member of Document 1.

Document 2

In the International Search Report the abstract and illustrations 1, 6, 9 and 12-14 were cited as "A" category relevancy, mere technical background, to claims 1-4, 6-8 and 10. Document 2 is in the English language.

Document 3

In the International Search Report claims 1-18 and illustrations 1-3 were cited as "A" category relevancy, mere technical background, to claims 1-4, 6-8 and 10. Document 3 is in the English language.

Document 4

In the International Search Report claims 1-19 and illustrations 4, 6 and 8 were cited as "A" category relevancy to claims 1-4, 6-8 and 10. Document 4 is in the English language.

Document 5

In the International Search Report page 4, line 18 to page 5, line 10 and illustrations 1 and 2 were cited as "A" category relevancy to claims 1-4, 6-8 and 10. Document 5 is in the English language.

Document 6

In the International Search Report page 3, lines 2 and 3 and illustration 3 were cited as "A" category relevancy, mere technical background, to claim 1. Document 6 is in the English language.

Document 7

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Document 8

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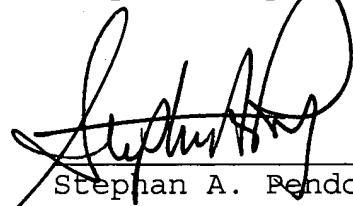
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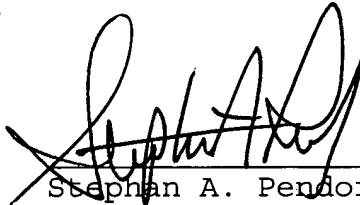
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